

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

(By Delegates Anderson, Andes, Armstead, Azinger, Barill, Boggs, Brown, Cann, Caputo, Cowles, Craig, Crosier, Doyle, Duke, Ellem, Ennis, Evans, Ferns, Ferro, Frazier, Givens, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Hartman, Hatfield, Householder, Howell, Hunt, Iaquina, Ireland, Jones, Kump, Lane, Lawrence, Longstreth, Mahan, Manchin, Manypenny, Marshall, Martin, Michael, C. Miller, J. Miller, Moore, Morgan, O'Neal, Pasdon, Paxton, Perdue, Perry, Pethtel, R. Phillips, Pino, D. Poling, Poore, Romine, Rowan, Savilla, Shaver, Sigler, Skaff, Smith, Snuffer, Sobonya, Staggers, Stephens, Storch, Stowers, Sumner, Talbott, Varner, Walker, Walters, White and Williams)

H. R. 13 - "Recognizing the West Virginia Press Association on January 27, 2011."

WHEREAS, The West Virginia Press Association was founded in June 1869, at which time there were 52 newspapers in publication in the Mountain State; and

WHEREAS, Today the West Virginia Press Association represents 24 daily and 62 weekly newspapers in publication in the Mountain State; and

WHEREAS, The exercise of a free press is fundamental to a democratic society, the West Virginia Press Association promotes

the highest standards of journalism and respects the duty of a free press to responsibly report the events and happenings of our state to the public; and

WHEREAS, The West Virginia Press Association is dedicated to the proposition that an active press committed to freedom of opinion and expression to impart ideas and information to the public is vital to democracy in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The West Virginia Press Association encourages collegiality, cooperation and fraternal good fellowship among members of the newspaper industry as a means of reinforcing the fundamental principles of a responsible free press; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates:

That the House of Delegates hereby honors the West Virginia Press Association on January 27, 2011; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the House of Delegates invites all members of the West Virginia Legislature and all citizens of West Virginia to join in recognizing the West Virginia Press Association and the contribution of a free press in West Virginia; and, be it

Further Resolved, The Clerk of the House of Delegates is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the West Virginia Press Association.